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MOVING ON TO MATURITY

(Hebrews 5:11-14)

A) How are we continually transformed by the Gospel? i.e. How do we continually grow in spiritual maturity?
B) Hebrews 5:11-14
b.1. Traits of spiritual children.
b.2. Traits of those who are spiritually mature.
C) God wants to <i>give</i> you the joy, satisfaction, peace, and accurate perspective that is found in his Word and through prayer. What's stopping

you from accepting this gift in all its fullness?

Fellowship Group Discussion Questions

- 1) Read aloud Hebrews 5:11-14. How does the author describe a spiritual child versus a spiritually mature believer who lives on solid food?
- 2) 4:14 says the mature Christian has their "...powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil." How does the Christian go about training their discernment?
- 3) When a thousand Christian men were asked in an average week how often they read Scripture, 45% reported 1 time or less. If this question was put to you, what would your answer be? Why do you spend the amount of time in Scripture that you do?
- 4) "The man [or woman] who studies the Bible without praying will develop a good mind with a cold heart. The man [or woman] who prays without knowing Scripture will consistently pray outside the will of God, for that is where His will is revealed" (Steve Farrar, *Point Man*, 138, 1990, brackets mine).

Discuss Farrar's statement. Why is it accurate? Does any part of his statement describe you?

5) God doesn't want anything *from* you. Rather, He wants to *give* you the joy, satisfaction, peace, and accurate perspective that is found in his Word and through prayer.

What's stopping you from accepting this gift in all its fullness?

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